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NIGHT LEAD RUSK (620)

BY LEWIS GULICK

WASHINGTON, FEB. 28 (AP)-SECRETARY OF STATE DEAN RUSK TODAY CALLED FOR STRENGTHENING THE FREE WORLD'S CONVENTIONAL MILITARY FORCE WHILE KEEPING ITS NUCLEAR POWER.

HIS STATEMENT, APPROVED BY PRESIDENT KENNEDY, WAS SPARKED BY A NEWS STORY THAT RUSK CALLED "HIGHLY INACCURATE."

THE STORY, PUBLISHED IN THE WASHINGTON EVENING STAR YESTERDAY SAID RUSK FAVORED CONFINING THE U.S. ATOMIC PUNCH PRIMARILY TO ATTACKS ON THE UNITED STATES.

IN HIS STATEMENT, RUSK DID NOT DETAIL WHAT HE CONSIDERED IN-ACCURATE ABOUT THE STAR STORY.

THE STATEMENT, WHICH REAFFIRMED AMERICA'S COMMITMENTS TO THE DEFENSE OF ITS ALLIES, CLIMAXED A TEMPESTUOUS DAY FOR KENNEDY'S FOREIGN POLICY CHIEF. HE SPENT NEARLY THREE HOURS UNDER CLOSED-DOOR QUIZZING FROM MEMBERS OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE.

THE STAR EARLIER TODAY SAID THAT IT BELIEVES "ITS STORY ACCURATELY REFLECTS THE PURPORT OF THE DOCUMENT SENT BY SECRETARY OF STATE RUSK TO SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (ROBERT S. MCNAMARA) EARLY IN FEBRUARY."

IT ALSO SAID "THE INFORMATION EMBODIED IN THE STORY WAS CHECKED BOTH AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND THE PENTAGON BEFORE PUBLICATION AND AT NO TIME IN THE PROCESS OF SUCH VERIFICATION WAS THERE ANY INTIMATION THAT PUBLICATION OF THE ARTICLE, DEALING WITH BROAD CONCEPTS, WAS PREJUDICIAL TO THE INTERESTS OF THE COUNTRY."

IN ITS STORY BY EARL H. VOSS AND RICHARD FRYKLUND, THE STAR HAD SAID THE NOTE FROM RUSK TO MCNAMARA SUGGESTED TENTATIVE PROPOSALS TO "SHARPLY RESTRICT THE ROLE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN DIPLOMACY AND WAR."

"AMONG OTHER THINGS," THE STAR HAD SAID, "MR. RUSK SUGGESTS THAT EVEN MASSIVE ATTACKS ON EUROPE SHOULD BE MET WITH CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS."

AFTER THE MEETING OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE, CHAIRMAN J. WILLIAM FULBRIGHT, D-ARK., SAID RUSK HAD DISAVOWED FAVORING A COMPLETE DEFENSE POLICY SWITCH.

FULBRIGHT QUOTED RUSK AS SAYING "IT WAS VERY REGRETTABLE THAT IRRESPONSIBLE AND RECKLESS REPORTS LEAK OUT WHICH COULD GREATLY ENDANGER OUR RELATIONS WITH OUR ALLIES."

FULBRIGHT SAID HE AGREED WITH THE SECRETARY AND ADDED: "THE SO-CALLED FREE PRESS IS ONE OF THE HAZARDS OF THIS COUNTRY IN DEALING WITH FOREIGN POLICY."

FULBRIGHT SAID RUSK DID NOT DENY THE EXISTENCE OF THE MEMO. AUTHORITATIVE SOURCES HAVE SAID THE MEMO WAS DELIVERED TO THE PENTAGON ON FEB. 3.

"BUT HE DID SAY THERE WAS NO SUCH MEMO AS INTERPRETED IN THE NEWS STORY," FULBRIGHT SAID.

AUTHORITATIVE SOURCES HAVE SAID RUSK'S VIEW WAS THAT STRONGER CONVENTIONAL FORCES WILL HELP MEET THE DANGER OF BRUSHFIRE WARS AND LESSEN THE POSSIBILITY THAT AN AUTOMATIC NUCLEAR STRIKEBACK BY THE WEST WOULD PROMPTLY TURN A CONFLICT INTO A NUCLEAR HOLOCAUST.

STATE DEPARTMENT PRESS OFFICER LINCOLN WHITE, WHO ISSUED RUSK'S STATEMENT SEVERAL HOURS AFTER THE SENATE COMMITTEE SESSION, SAID HE DID NOT KNOW OF ANY CONCERN VOICED SO FAR BY U.S. ALLIES OVER THE STAR'S ACCOUNT OF RUSK'S VIEWS.

WHITE SAID HE HAD NO INFORMATION CONCERNING THE PROGRESS OF AN INQUIRY STARTED YESTERDAY TO FIND OUT WHAT GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL OR OFFICIALS "LEAKED" AN ACCOUNT OF RUSK'S MEMO TO THE STAR.

RUSK'S STATEMENT SAID:

"I HAVE, OF COURSE, EXPRESSED MY VIEWS ON SUCH SUBJECTS IN DISCUSSIONS WITHIN THE ADMINISTRATION. I EXPECT TO DO SO IN THE FUTURE."

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"WHEN CURRENT STUDIES ARE COMPLETED THEY WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE PRESIDENT, WHO WILL DETERMINE THE ATTITUDE OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH AND THE PROPOSALS TO BE MADE TO THE CONGRESS."

"WE ARE ANXIOUS TO BRING ABOUT LEGITIMATE EASING OF TENSIONS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS ALONG THESE LINES CAN BE MADE IN THE COMING MONTHS. IN ADDITION, WE WILL CONTINUE TO STRIVE FOR SAFEGUARDED MEASURES OF ARMS CONTROL."

"HOWEVER, UNDER PREVAILING CONDITIONS, WE ARE DETERMINED, IN COOPERATION WITH OUR ALLIES, TO ENHANCE THE COMMON DEFENSE TO ASSURE THE SECURITY OF THE FREE WORLD."

"I HAVE LONG FELT THAT THIS WILL REQUIRE A STRENGTHENING OF THE NON-NUCLEAR ASPECTS OF THAT DEFENSE, AS WELL AS THE MAINTENANCE OF ITS NUCLEAR ASPECTS. OUR COMMITMENTS TO THE COMMON DEFENSE ARE KNOWN, AS IS OUR DETERMINATION TO BACK THEM."

FULBRIGHT SAID RUSK ALSO BRIEFED THE SENATORS ON OTHER ASPECTS OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY AT THE COMMITTEE SESSION, WHICH HAD BEEN SCHEDULED BEFORE THE NEWS OF RUSK'S PAPER TO MCNAMARA LEAKED OUT.

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OPTIONAL NIGHT LEAD RUSK

WASHINGTON, FEB. 28 (AP)-SECRETARY OF STATE DEAN RUSK MADE IT CLEAR TODAY HE IS NOT ABANDONING THE POLICY OF MASSIVE RETALIATION BUT FAVORS STRONGER CONVENTIONAL FORCES TO STAMP OUT BRUSHFIRE WARS TO LESSEN THE DANGER OF NUCLEAR CONFLICT.

HE PRESENTED HIS VIEWS BEFORE THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE AND IN A STATEMENT ISSUED BY HIS OFFICE.

THEY WERE THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN A FUROR TOUCHED OFF BY A NEWS STORY THAT RUSK CALLED "HIGHLY INACCURATE."

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NIGHT LEAD SOVIET

BY PRESTON GROVER

MOSCOW, FEB. 26 (AP)-FOREIGN MINISTER ANDREI GROMYKO WILL HEAD THE SOVIET DELEGATION TO THE COMING U.N. SESSION IN NEW YORK, MOSCOW RADIO ANNOUNCED TONIGHT.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT ENDED SPECULATION ABOUT WHETHER PREMIER KHRUSHCHEV WOULD HEAD THE DELEGATION AND USE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR A GET-ACQUAINTED MEETING WITH PRESIDENT KENNEDY.

OTHER MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION WILL BE THE CHIEF SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE AT THE U.N., VALERIAN ZORIN, AND DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER ARKADY SOBOLEV, WHO HELD ZORIN'S JOB UNTIL LAST YEAR.

DIPLOMATIC QUARTERS FELT THAT THE DECISION TO SEND GROMYKO WAS MADE BECAUSE KHRUSHCHEV FEELS THE TIME IS FAR FROM RIPE FOR A KHRUSHCHEV-KENNEDY MEETING. INFORMED SOURCES SAID GROMYKO PLANS TO LEAVE FOR NEW YORK BY PLANE MARCH 3. THE SESSION OPENS MARCH 7.

KENNEDY WAS THE TALK OF THE TOWN FOLLOWING AN UNPRECEDENTED TELECAST OF FILM FROM HIS FIRST TWO NEWS CONFERENCES.

THE MOSCOW MAN-IN-THE-STREET GREETED FAVORABLY WHAT KENNEDY SAID AND HIS EASY MANNER OF TALKING TO WASHINGTON NEWSMEN.

WOMEN'S REACTION TO KENNEDY HIMSELF WAS MIXED: "HE'S GOOD LOOKING," ONE WOMAN TOLD A NEWSMAN. "HE'S NOT VERY HANDSOME," ANOTHER SAID.

THE SOVIET PRESS LARGELY IGNORED LAST NIGHT'S TELECAST. THE OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY, TASS, CARRIED A FOUR-LINE ANNOUNCEMENT SAYING MERELY THAT PORTIONS OF THE NEWS CONFERENCES HAD BEEN TELEVISED.

THE MATERIAL BROADCAST EVIDENTLY WAS SELECTED TO WARM UP RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES AND MAKE CLEAR PREMIER KHRUSHCHEV IS



KING OF A POSSIBLE LATER MEETING WITH KENNEDY.  
RECEPTION ON TELEVISION SETS WAS POOR AND WHAT CAME THROUGH THE  
HAZE AND CHOPPED-UP SOUND TRACK WERE SUCH THINGS AS KENNEDY'S STATE-  
MENT HE HADN'T HEARD OF KHRUSHCHEV COMING TO THE UNITED NATIONS,  
THE ANNOUNCEMENT THE RB47 FLIERS HAD BEEN RELEASED BY THE SOVIET  
UNION, AND KENNEDY'S ASSURANCES THERE WOULD BE NO MORE U2 FLIGHTS.

SOVIET LISTENERS GOT THE IMPRESSION THE INITIATIVE FOR A KHRUSH-  
CHEV CISIT IS UP TO THE SOVIET UNION AND THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD  
WELCOME HIM. SOVIET LEADERS RARELY PUT SUCH AN IDEA BEFORE THEIR  
CITIZENS UNLESS THEY ARE PREPARED TO FOLLOW THROUGH.

U.S. AMBASSADOR LLEWELLYN THOMPSON ARRIVED IN MOSCOW YESTERDAY  
WITH A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM KENNEDY TO KHRUSHCHEV EXPRESSING HOPE  
U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS COULD BE IMPROVED THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS.

BUT KHRUSHCHEV WAS OUT OF TOWN. HE ARRIVED IN SVERDLOVSK TODAY  
FOR A CONFERENCE ON AGRICULTURAL PROBLEMS. IT IS EXPECTED THE SOVIET  
PREMIER WILL RETURN SOON TO MOSCOW.

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SOVIET-KENNEDY (190)

MOSCOW, FEB. 28 (AP)-THE GOVERNMENT NEWSPAPER IZVESTIA TODAY MADE  
ONE OF THE SHARPEST SOVIET ATTACKS YET ON THE KENNEDY ADMINISTRATION.  
THE NEWSPAPER ACCUSED THE UNITED STATES OF PLAYING A TWO-FACED ROLE  
IN ASIA AND AFRICA: ATTEMPTING TO APPEAR FRIENDLY TO EMERGING NATIONS  
ON THE TWO CONTINENTS WHILE ACTUALLY WORKING WITH AND FOR COLONIAL  
POWERS.

IT ALSO CONTENDED THAT AT THE BEGINNING OF THE KENNEDY ADMINISTRA-  
TION THERE WERE HINTS OF A "THOROUGH CLEANING OF GEN. EISENHOWER'S  
AUGEAN STABLES WITH THE COMING OF A NEW BOSS TO THE WHITE HOUSE."

"NOW, TOWARD THE END OF FEBRUARY," IZVESTIA WENT ON, "THE  
IMPRESSION IS THAT WASHINGTON HAS GOT USED TO THE STINK OF THE  
UNCLEANED STABLES."

NOTING THAT G. MENNEN WILLIAMS, U.S. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE,  
IS TOURING AFRICA, THE PAPER SAID HIS MISSION WAS TO CONVINCE THE  
PEOPLE THAT THE UNITED STATES PLANS TO "PURSUE A NEW POLICY IN AFRICA  
AND ASIA."

IZVESTIA QUOTED THE NEW YORK JOURNAL AMERICAN AS COMMENTING THAT  
WILLIAMS' JOB WAS TO PAINT A NEW IMAGE OF UNCLE SAM.

"THERE ARE GROUNDS TO SUPPOSE THAT THIS WOULD BE AN ABSTRACT PAINT-  
ING, SEPARATED FROM REALITY WHERE AMERICAN POLICY IS DIRECTED AGAINST  
INDEPENDENT AFRICAN STATES AND IN PARTICULAR IS GOING TO SOLVE THE  
CONGOLESE CRISIS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COLONIZERS," IZVESTIA SAID.

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WASHINGTON, FEB. 28 (AP)-SOVIET PREMIER NIKITA KHRUSHCHEV HAS TOLD  
GERMAN CHANCELLOR KONRAD ADENAUER THAT ALTHOUGH THE SOVIET UNION IS  
STILL WILLING TO ACCEPT A TEMPORARY ARRANGEMENT FOR BERLIN, THE FINAL  
SOLUTION MUST BE THE TRANSFORMATION OF WEST BERLIN INTO A "FREE" CITY.

DIPLOMATIC INFORMANTS IN REPORTING THIS TODAY SAID THE KHRUSHCHEV  
MEMORANDUM WAS HANDED TO ADENAUER IN BONN FEB. 17. THEY SAID THAT ANDRE  
J. SMIRNOV, THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO BONN, RETURNED FROM MOSCOW EARLIER  
THAN EXPECTED TO PRESENT KHRUSHCHEV'S LETTER TO THE CHANCELLOR.

THE SOVIET LEADER REPLIED TO A GERMAN NOTE REMINDING THE SOVIETS THAT  
THEY STILL KEEP GERMAN CIVILIANS IN RUSSIA. BUT, INFORMANTS SAID, THE  
MEMORANDUM WENT FAR BEYOND THIS QUESTION AND DEALT WITH A GREAT VARIETY  
OF EAST-WEST PROBLEMS.

THE LETTER'S TONE, IT WAS LEARNED, WAS NOT HOSTILE BUT IT STRESSED  
WITH GREAT EMPHASIS THE URGENCY OF A BERLIN SOLUTION AND REITERATED ALL  
EARLIER SOVIET REQUESTS INCLUDING THE WITHDRAWAL OF AMERICAN-FRENCH-  
BRITISH TROOPS FROM WEST BERLIN AND THE NECESSITY OF CONCLUDING PEACE  
TREATIES WITH BOTH PARTS OF GERMANY.

THE RUSSIAN NOTE, INFORMANTS REPORTED, SAID THAT ANY INTERIM BERLIN  
SOLUTION MUST HAVE A DEFINITE TIME LIMIT; THAT IF THE BIG FOUR COULD  
NOT AGREE ON A SETTLEMENT OF THE BERLIN QUESTION THEN THE SOVIET UNION

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WOULD GO AHEAD AND CONCLUDE A SEPARATE PEACE TREATY WITH EAST GERMANY.  
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(200) SYMINGTON-DEFENSE

WASHINGTON, FEB. 28 (AP)-SEN. STUART SYMINGTON, D-MO., TOLD THE  
SENATE TODAY SERIOUS MECHANICAL FAULTS HAVE DEVELOPED IN COMBAT VEHICLES  
COSTING \$1.6 BILLION.

SYMINGTON, A MEMBER OF THE SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE, CITED A  
REPORT OF THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL IN SUPPORT OF HIS CONTENTION THAT  
THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT "HAS BEEN WASTING VAST AMOUNTS OF THE TAXPAYERS  
MONEY."

AS AN EXAMPLE, SYMINGTON SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD SPENT \$1.25 BILLION  
ON MEDIUM TANKS, MANY OF WHICH PROVED DEFECTIVE.

HE SAID THAT 64 OF THESE TANKS WERE EXAMINED AND HAD 1,311 PER-  
FORMANCE FAILURES, ALTHOUGH USED ONLY 58.6 MILES EACH A MONTH.

SYMINGTON SAID HEAVY TANK RECOVERY VEHICLES HAD COMPARABLE DEFECTS  
AND SIMILAR BREAKDOWNS.

A LIGHT WEAPONS CARRIER, HE CONTINUED, WAS FOUND TO HAVE 16 SERIOUS  
DEFECTS, MOST OF WHICH WERE DISCLOSED IN THE TESTING PERIOD, BEFORE  
PRODUCTION BEGAN.

"NEVERTHELESS," HE SAID, "MILLIONS OF DOLLARS WERE EXPENDED ON PRO-  
CURING THEM WITH THEIR ALREADY DISCOVERED DEFECTS."

"THE HEAVY TANK, THE M103, ON WHICH TENS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS WERE  
SPENT, WAS FOUND GENERALLY INCAPABLE OF PERFORMING THE BASIC FUNCTIONS  
FOR WHICH IT WAS DESIGNED."

SYMINGTON SAID OVER \$200 MILLION WAS SPENT ON AN ARMY PERSONNEL CAR-  
RIER, WHICH HAD DEFECTS  
LIMITING ITS PERFORMANCE..

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SOVIET MILITARY (100)

WASHINGTON, FEB. 28 (AP)-U. S. ARMY INTELLIGENCE REPORTED TODAY THAT  
"FAR-REACHING CHANGES" IN RUSSIA'S MILITARY SYSTEM HAS GIVEN A NEW  
ROCKET COMMAND EQUALITY WITH GROUND, SEA AND AIR FORCES.

THIS WAS DISCLOSED IN AN EDITED VERSION OF A SECRET BRIEFING GIVEN  
THE HOUSE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE BY MAJ. GEN. JOHN M. WILLEMS. (CQ)

THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF FOR INTELLIGENCE SKIRTED THE MISSILE  
GAP CONTROVERSY, SAYING THAT ALTHOUGH THERE IS A GROWING THREAT FROM  
RUSSIAN MISSILES, "AT PRESENT, THE PRINCIPAL SOVIET INSTRUMENT FOR  
INTERCONTINENTAL ATTACK IS LONG RANGE AVIATION."

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B18WX (CHINA-NEWSMAN) (Q)

(230) RED CHINA-NEWSMEN

WASHINGTON, FEB. 28 (AP)-THE KENNEDY ADMINISTRATION INTENDS TO  
MAKE A NEW EFFORT NEXT WEEK TO PERSUADE RED CHINA TO ADMIT AMERICAN  
NEWSMEN.

THE STATE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THE UNITED STATES FOR ITS PART IS  
PREPARED TO CONSIDER ADMITTING ANY NUMBER OF GENUINE NEWS REPORTERS  
THE RED CHINESE MIGHT PROPOSE TO SEND TO THIS COUNTRY.

THE NEW MOVE WILL BE MADE BY U.S. AMBASSADOR JACOB BEAN ON MARCH 7  
WHEN HE MEETS RED CHINESE AMBASSADOR WANG PING-WAN AT WARSAW. SUCH DIP-  
LOMATIC TALKS HAVE BEEN HELD FOR MORE THAN FIVE YEARS, ALTHOUGH THIS  
COUNTRY DOES NOT RECOGNIZE THE RED CHINESE REGIME.

AN EXCHANGE OF NEWSMEN HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITHOUT RESULTS FOR MORE  
THAN THREE YEARS.

FOR THE FIRST TIME BEAN WILL PRESENT TO WANG THE ACTUAL NAMES OF 32  
TO 34 U.S. NEWSMEN AUTHORIZED BY THE UNITED STATES TO GO INTO RED CHINA.



THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAS CLEARED 34 ORGANIZATIONS TO SEND ONE REPORTER EACH AND PRESS OFFICER LINCOLN WHITE SAID THAT 32 OF THE ORGANIZATIONS HAVE SPECIFIC INDIVIDUALS CLEARED AND UNDER ASSIGNMENT.

THE RED CHINESE, WHITE SAID, HAVE NEVER PUT UP "ONE-SINGLE NAME" TO THE UNITED STATES FOR REPORTORIAL ASSIGNMENT HERE. BEAM IS ALSO EXPECTED TO RAISE AGAIN WITH WANG THE ISSUE OF RED CHINA'S RENOUNCING FORCE IN SEEKING TO TAKE OVER FORMOSA. HE WILL ALSO MAKE A NEW DEMAND, WHITE INDICATED, FOR THE RELEASE OF FIVE AMERICANS STILL HELD PRISONER IN RED CHINA.

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MRS. ROOSEVELT-U. N.  
WASHINGTON, FEB. 28 (AP)-PRESIDENT KENNEDY TODAY NAMED MRS. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT AS ONE OF THE U. S. REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FORTHCOMING 15TH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

MRS. ROOSEVELT HAS SERVED IN A SIMILAR CAPACITY IN THE PAST, AND ALSO HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE U. N. COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS. THE OTHER FOUR U. S. REPRESENTATIVES, HEADED BY ADLAI E. STEVENSON, ALL ARE PERMANENTLY ASSIGNED TO THE U. N. THEY ARE FRANCIS T. P. PLIMPTON OF NEW YORK, CHARLES W. YOST OF NEW YORK AND PHILIP M. KLUTZNICK OF ILLINOIS.

AS ALTERNATE DELEGATES, KENNEDY NAMED JONATHAN B. BINGHAM AND CHARLES P. NOYES, BOTH OF NEW YORK, WHO ARE PERMANENTLY CONNECTED WITH THE U. N. AND JOHN HOWARD MORROW OF NEW JERSEY. MORROW IS RETIRING AMBASSADOR TO GUINEA.

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--ALL POINTS--

BY TOM OCHILTREE

LONDON, FEB. 28 (AP)-EXPERTS FROM TWO INDUSTRIAL GROUPS TOLD THE BRITISH AND FRENCH GOVERNMENTS TODAY THAT A WESTERN EUROPEAN COOPERATIVE SPACE SATELLITE PROGRAM COULD PROTECT THE FREE WORLD FROM COMMUNIST SKY-SPYING DEVICES.

THIS COULD BE DONE BY SENDING UP MISSILES DESIGNED TO KNOCK OUT RECONNAISSANCE SATELLITES PUT ALOFT BY THE SOVIET UNION TO PHOTOGRAPH WESTERN TERRAIN AND DEFENSES, THEY SAID.

SUCH AN ANTI-SATELLITE SYSTEM, THE REPORT EXPLAINED, WOULD BE OF GREAT SIGNIFICANCE IN FUTURE NATO DEFENSE PLANNING.

THE STUDY WAS UNDERTAKEN BY TECHNICIANS FROM THE HAWKER-SIDDELEY GROUP OF BRITAIN AND SEREB, AN ASSOCIATION OF FRENCH AIRCRAFT AND MISSILE INTERESTS CONTROLLED BY THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT.

AVIATION MINISTER PETER THORNEYCROFT HAS BEEN URGING THAT BRITAIN AND HER CONTINENTAL ALLIES GET TOGETHER ON A SPACE RESEARCH PROGRAM WHICH COULD ALSO INCLUDE SOME OF THE LARGER MEMBERS OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

THE EXPERTS REPORTED THAT A EUROPEAN SPACE PROGRAM WAS NOT ONLY FEASIBLE BUT THAT IT COULD BE USED TO CARRY THROUGH SEVERAL PROJECTS SOON AT A COST OF \$800 MILLION TO \$1.1 BILLION.

INCLUDED IN THIS LIST WERE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ANTI-SATELLITE SYSTEM TO PROTECT WESTERN SECRETS, PROVISION OF COMMUNICATION SATELLITES FOR RELAYING TELEPHONE MESSAGES AND SENDING ALOFT SPACE VEHICLES TO SERVE AS AIDES TO SHIP AND AIRPLANE NAVIGATION.

THE EXPERTS GAVE NO CONSIDERATION TO A MAN IN SPACE PROJECT ON WHICH THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION NOW ARE SPENDING SO MUCH RESEARCH EFFORT.

THE EXPERTS SAID 550-POUND SATELLITES USED IN THE COMMUNICATIONS PROJECT WOULD FOLLOW AN ORBIT BETWEEN 300 AND 12,500 MILES FROM THE EARTH. THEY COULD PROVIDE 100 TELEPHONE CHANNELS, OR 32 CHANNELS IF LESS BACKGROUND NOISE WAS DEMANDED.

FOUR OR FIVE OF THESE COULD PROVIDE 24-HOUR-A-DAY COVERAGE FOR A LONDON-NEW YORK LINK.

GROUND STATIONS WITH 30-FOOT AND 100-FOOT DISH AERIALS COULD BE CONNECTED WITH TELEPHONE EXCHANGES. THESE STATIONS WOULD HAVE COMPUTER SYSTEMS TO CONTROL THE TRACKING OF SATELLITES.

SIX NAVIGATION SATELLITES WEIGHING ABOUT 55 POUNDS EACH IN ORBIT ABOUT 300 MILES UP, OR FOUR SIMILAR SATELLITES 550 MILES UP WOULD PROVIDE ACCURATE TIME SIGNALS TO AID SHIPS AND PLANES.

ACCORDING TO THE EXPERTS, A ROCKET ARMED WITH A TWO-MEGATON HYDROGEN BOMB, EQUIVALENT TO TWO MILLION TONS OF TNT, WOULD PROVIDE THE MOST SUITABLE ANTI-SATELLITE MISSILE. EXPLOSIONS

WOULD BE TIMED WITHIN A FEW TENTHS OF A SECOND AND PROXIMITY FUSES DEVELOPED WITH RANGES OF UP TO THREE MILES.

THORNEYCROFT HAS SUGGESTED THAT THE BLUE STREAK ROCKET, WHICH BRITAIN ABANDONED AS A MILITARY WEAPON, WOULD BE HIGHLY SUITABLE TO PROVIDE BOOSTING POWER IN A EUROPEAN SATELLITE PROGRAM.

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B74 (Q) (320)

BY ARTHUR CAVSHON

LONDON, FEB. 28 (AP)-BRITAIN AND FRANCE TODAY WOUND UP TALKS ON A POSSIBLE MERGER OR LINK-UP OF THE RIVAL TRADE BLOCS THEY LEAD IN NON-COMMUNIST EUROPE.

A JOINT STATEMENT ANNOUNCED AFTER A TWO-DAY MEETING THAT ANOTHER CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD SHORTLY TO CONTINUE EXAMINATION OF "THE PRINCIPAL PROBLEMS POSED BY THE POSSIBILITY OF AN ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED KINGDOM WITH THE (SIX-NATION) COMMON MARKET OR THE ACCESSION OF THE UNITED KINGDOM TO THE TREATY OF ROME. THIS TREATY CREATED THE COMMON MARKET.

FRANCE LEADS THE COMMON MARKET WHOSE OTHER MEMBERS ARE WEST GERMANY, ITALY, BELGIUM, HOLLAND AND LUXEMBOURG. BRITAIN HEADS THE RIVAL SEVEN-NATION EUROPEAN FREE TRADE ASSOCIATION (EFTA) OF SWEDEN, NORWAY, DENMARK, AUSTRIA, SWITZERLAND AND PORTUGAL.

"THESE DISCUSSIONS HAVE BEEN FOUND USEFUL," THE STATEMENT SAID. "THEY TOOK PLACE IN THAT CORDIAL ATMOSPHERE THAT CHARACTERIZES FRENCH-BRITISH RELATIONS."

THE BRITISH YESTERDAY MADE A SURPRISE OFFER TO REORGANIZE THEIR IMPERIAL PREFERENCE SYSTEM IN EXCHANGE FOR PARTIAL MEMBERSHIP IN THE COMMON MARKET. FRANCE ASKED TIME TO STUDY IT.

THE OFFER WAS OUTLINED TO THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF THE WESTERN EUROPEAN UNION (WEU) BY BRITAIN'S LORD EDWARD HEATH.

BRITAIN'S LATEST OFFER INDICATED:

1. READINESS TO ALLOW COMMON MARKET COUNTRIES TO NEGOTIATE DIRECTLY WITH COMMONWEALTH NATIONS ON TARIFF CUTS HERETOFORE THE BRITISH, UNDER THE PREFERENCE SYSTEM, ENJOYED EXCLUSIVE TARIFF BENEFITS IN COMMONWEALTH LANDS.

2. WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT A COMMON TARIFF, HARMONIZED WITH THAT OF THE SIX, ON ALL GOODS COMING FROM THE OUTSIDE WORLD. THIS WOULD APPLY TO COUNTRIES OUTSIDE EFTA, THE COMMONWEALTH AND THE COMMON MARKET.

IN EXCHANGE THE BRITISH SAID THEY WOULD EXPECT MEMBERSHIP IN THE COMMON MARKET--AND IMPLIED THIS SHOULD ALSO APPLY TO THEIR EFTA PARTNERS.

THE FOREIGN OFFICE SPOKESMAN TOLD REPORTERS:

"WE HAVE ALWAYS SAID EFTA INTERESTS MUST BE SAFEGUARDED.

"THEY ARE BEING KEPT INFORMED OF THE DISCUSSIONS."

THE UNITED STATES AND COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENTS ALSO ARE BEING CLOSELY CONSULTED.

A MERGER, OR LINK-UP, BETWEEN THE SEVEN AND THE SIX WOULD CREATE A SINGLE MARKET WITH 300 MILLION CONSUMERS.

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B98 (Q)

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MOSCOW, FEB. 28 (AP)-SOVIET-CONTROLLED ESTONIA FORMALLY ACCUSED BRITAIN TODAY OF HIDING A WAR CRIMINAL RESPONSIBLE FOR THOUSANDS OF EXECUTIONS DURING THE NAZI OCCUPATION, THE SOVIET NEWS AGENCY TASS SAID.

HE IS AINA MERE, WHO HAS LIVED IN LEICESTER, ENGLAND FOR 12 YEARS. MERE CLAIMS HE WAS A FREEDOM FIGHTER IN ESTONIA BEFORE THE SOVIET UNION SWALLOWED IT UP AND IS INNOCENT OF WAR CRIMES. BRITAIN HAS REFUSED TO EXTRADITE HIM.

TASS SAID ESTONIA'S ACCUSATION AGAINST BRITAIN WAS MADE IN AN INDICTMENT RELEASED AS TWO OF MERE'S ALLEGED ASSISTANTS, RALF GERRETS AND JAN VIJK, WENT ON TRIAL IN TALLINN, CAPITAL OF ESTONIA.

THE INDICTMENT CHARGES THE THREE WITH KILLING NEARLY 125,000 CIVILIANS AND WAR PRISONERS IN THE JAGALA CONCENTRATION CAMP AND ADDS:

"THE FACT THAT THE BRITISH AUTHORITIES TO THIS DAY HAVE NOT EXTRADITED MERE TO SOVIET JUDICIARY AUTHORITIES CAN BE REGARDED IN NO OTHER WAY BUT AS CONCEALMENT OF A WAR CRIMINAL."

TASS SAID ESTONIA HAS MADE "SPECIAL CASES" OF TWO OTHER WANTED MEN: ERVIN VIKS, FORMER DEPARTMENT CHIEF OF THE ESTONIAN POLICE NOW LIVING IN AUSTRALIA, AND VELLO SELNURME, FORMER POLICE COMMISSAR OF PAIDE, NOW LIVING IN AN UNSPECIFIED U.S. CITY. NO DETAILS WERE GIVEN.

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PARIS, FEB. 28 (AP)-THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ALLIANCE PARTNERS HAVE REACHED A NEW AGREEMENT ON THEIR SUPPORT COSTS RAISING THE WEST GERMAN CONTRIBUTION AND LOWERING THAT OF THE UNITED STATES, INFORMED SOURCES SAID TODAY.

THE AGREEMENT COVERS WHAT NATO TERMS "INFRASTRUCTURE" AND AMOUNTS TO A TOTAL OF ABOUT \$140 MILLION ANNUALLY PAID OUT FOR BASES, CONSTRUCTION, MAINTAINENCE AND SIMILAR COSTS.

THE NEW FORMULA WAS WORKED OUT AFTER THE UNITED STATES--PLAGUED BY A BALANCE OF PAYMENTS DEFICIT--ASKED THAT ITS SHARE OF THE COSTS BE LESSENER. THE NEGOTIATIONS WERE OPENED LAST YEAR.

THE NEW FORMULA COMMITS THE UNITED STATES TO PAY 30.85 PER CENT OF SUCH COSTS WHERE PREVIOUSLY IT PAID ABOUT 36 PER CENT. WEST GERMANY'S CONTRIBUTION WAS INCREASED FROM 12 TO 20 PERCENT.

THE FORMULA WAS WORKED OUT IN TECHNICAL NEGOTIATIONS OVER THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS.

THE PAYMENTS OF MOST OF THE 15 MEMBER STATES REMAIN VIRTUALLY UNCHANGED BY THE AGREEMENT. THE BRITISH CONTRIBUTION WAS STEPPED UP FROM 8.5 PER CENT TO 10 PER CENT. FRANCE WAS CUT FROM 13 TO 12 PER CENT.

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LONDON, FEB. 28 (AP)-PRIME MINISTER HAROLD MACMILLAN SAID TODAY BRITAIN AND WEST GERMANY HAVE YET TO WORK OUT AN AGREEMENT FOR THE TRAINING OF NEW WEHRMACHT FORCES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

ANSWERING QUESTIONS IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS, MACMILLAN SAID THE MATTER HAD BEEN DISCUSSED AT THE RECENT NATO MEETING IN PARIS BUT "NO FINAL DECISION HAS BEEN MADE."

"I CANNOT GIVE ANY INFORMATION BECAUSE WE REALLY HAVE NOT GOT DOWN TO DETAILS AT THE MOMENT," MACMILLAN ADDED.

THE GERMANS ARE REPORTED TO BE SEEKING PRIMARILY TRAINING SITES WITH TERRAIN SUITABLE FOR INSTRUCTING SOLDIERS IN THE USE OF TANKS. PEMBROKESHIRE, IN WALES, HAS BEEN MENTIONED AS ONE POSSIBLE AREA FOR THEIR USE.

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